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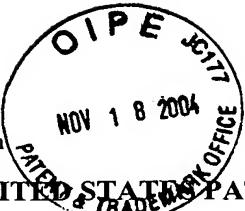
FOR: SHIFT CONTROL APPARATUS OF AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION OF
MOTOR VEHICLE

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

References AO (JP 10-47100) and AP (JP 6-1163) on Form PTO-1449:

The cited reference 1 (JP-A-No. 10-047100) discloses a technology in which an engine rotational speed is increased based on a ration between an input rotational speed and an output rotational speed, and a vehicle is brought to a slightly driving state, when the shift speed is changed to a lower speed while the vehicle is coasting (refer particularly to paragraph [0030]). According to the invention, the input rotational speed and the output rotational speed are used instead of using the ration between the input rotational speed and the output speed as in the cited reference 1. It is considered that this is merely a design change.

Each of the cited reference 1 and the cited reference 2 (JP-A-No. 06-001163) discloses a technology in which an output is increased when the shift speed is changed to a lower speed while a vehicle is coasting. A technology in which an amount of increase in the output is changed according to a vehicle is disclosed in these cited references



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